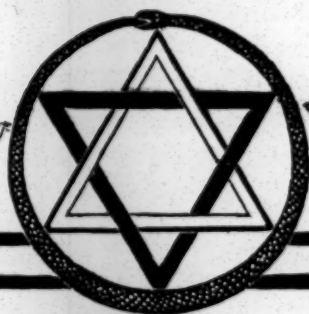




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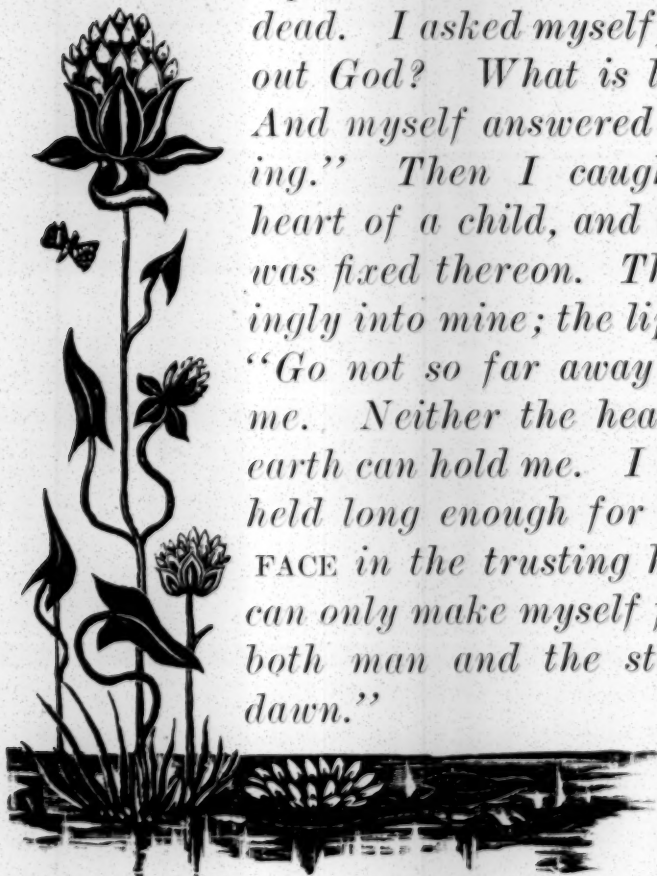


unto thee a key.

THE HEART OF A CHILD

My soul was sick from ceaseless longing for God, my face was wet with tears drawn from the well of unsuccessful search.

I gazed into the heavens, and the sun and moon had lost their shine. I cast my eyes over the land, and it was flat, leaden and dreary. The winter of my soul was upon me and the hope of spring was dead. I asked myself, "What is life without God? What is love without God?" And myself answered me, saying, "Nothing." Then I caught a glimpse of the heart of a child, and lo! the face of God was fixed thereon. The eyes smiled pityingly into mine; the lips softly whispered, "Go not so far away when thou seekest me. Neither the heavens above nor the earth can hold me. I am only caught and held long enough for man to BEHOLD MY FACE in the trusting heart of a child. I can only make myself felt in the song that both man and the stars are singing at dawn."



EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF TEMPLE MEMBERS.

On the evening of August 4th, members in attendance, visiting and resident, assembled at an informal reception in the parlors of the Halcyon Sanatorium. The evening was given up to social features, vocal and instrumental music and an interesting parlor sketch enacted by some of the young folks in which Cecil Clary and Miss Jean Little were the star performers.

In addition the always excellent work of Dr. Little, Misses Agnes and Lola Liberty, Mr. Westfelt and Edgar Cheatham, Mr. Henry Cowell, added increased power to the music rendered at this meeting and during the whole convention.

Refreshments were served by the Reception Committee.

FIRST MEETING OF THE CONVENTION.

After a piano selection by Edgar Cheatham and the singing of the Convocation Hymn by the assembly, the meeting was officially opened by Dr. Dower, invoking the blessing of the Lodge of Light on all meetings and deliberations. The Words of Force were then recited by the company, followed by the singing of the "Great Unifier." Mrs. F. A. La Due, the Guardian in Chief, then read the Master's Message to the convention.

THE MASTER'S MESSAGE.

My Children:

Again I have called you together to strengthen the bond which unites you to each other, and to urge you to bear in mind those things I have told you in the past relative to the day and age when the lives of men and nations will be held so cheap and the Karmic debts of past cycles will be collected with such terrible interest you will need each other as never before in your present lives on earth. You will take away my power of help and protection if you permit dissension, distrust or selfish ambition to creep in between you in the days that are coming.

The cyclic return of a period when men and women were tortured and killed in the name of religion will bring about conditions that will make possible the commission of similar atrocities ere the end of the age. In total ignorance of the fires they are laying ready to be lit, countless men and women are bringing compulsion to bear on less highly disciplined people and accomplishing their purposes by means of "man made laws" to compel obedience

to what are in fact theoretical concepts opposed to the freedom of man, and now as ever in the past, when the negative forces of corresponding periods of this Manvantara were peculiarly active, low mutterings are to be heard among the masses of the people which will inevitably break out into acts of violence when the pressure of the present war has been relieved.

The inherent desire for individual freedom cannot be suppressed in man without robbing him of his birthright. Even if freedom to act contrary to law and order is *too* strongly suppressed in man it arouses the desire to commit acts hitherto alien to his nature.

The methods by which such laws of repression are promulgated and enforced in many cases, are no more unselfish or moral than were the methods which preceded them and which promised greater freedom to the individual. The eyes of the masses are being opened rapidly to these facts. Many of the very people who have been instrumental in thus laying the fires of revolution will be among the first to jump into the flames when they fully realize what they have done. In the days which are coming all religious bodies will find themselves facing such an international revolution as never has been on the earth before, for never was man so capable of overcoming the problems of space as the inventive genius of the age has made possible and therefore of forming such combinations.

I am only repeating in more detail that which I have given in other forms many times, forms which should have been plain to the seeing eye, and I am doing so for the purpose of enforcing the truth upon the minds of those who will still be on this plane when the hour strikes.

It is far more comforting to hear about the days which will follow, when the world adjustments will be made, and the manifestation of the Christos shall appear. But that manifestation will appear as a finality to the adjustment.

Has it ever occurred to you that the message of every Avatar since the beginning of this Manvantara has been essentially the same? "I come not to bring peace but a sword." No other message can or will be given to man until the work for which the last Avatar came into the world to do is accomplished. Only then can another manifestation of the Christos appear.

If you will carefully consider my words you should be able to perceive why it is that so many great events are being precipitated within so short a period. The Word for the Sixth Race cannot be given until the Word of the Fifth Race has been uttered in full.

Each one of your number has something to do towards that utterance, but it must be completed as a group, as all like utterances have been accomplished by groups chosen for the purpose by the Sons of Wisdom. If you can remember this one fact when tempted to let your part of the work slip from your hands and hearts you will find it a great incentive.

May the wisdom of God guide you and the peace which is the result of perfect effort attend you in the days to come.

FROM THE GUARDIAN IN CHIEF.

Dear Temple Comrades:

A single word will sometimes leave an impression on the mind that will endure long after proverbs and epigrams expressing practically the same truth are forgotten, and that one word may prove the open sesame to some door of knowledge which leads to a means of saving life.

I would like to leave such a word with you, dear Comrades and Friends, in the hope that it may prove of value in the days I see fast coming upon this stricken world. It is an old, a hackneyed word, and it is capable of much abuse; the word is "Responsibility."

During the last eighteen years, the Master has repeatedly warned us and pleaded with us to prepare for the conditions which have now appeared on the world's horizon. Parents have been earnestly entreated to prepare their children, by right training and education, for that time instead of permitting them to come to maturity utterly unfitted to meet the trials which must inevitably come upon them.

But all too many parents could not realize that a time was near at hand when their children's lives might depend upon their ability to work with their hands, even as our forbears labored, to sustain their lives and so they have continued such over indulgence as would unfit them for such labor.

The demands of the children have grown more and more emphatic and continuous, while at the same time there is evident much less respect for authority and advice. An ever-increasing desire for pleasure at any cost to themselves or their parents is driving them on into acts of self-indulgence which terrify both parents and teachers.

While all this is due, in one respect, to the influence at work in the world at large in this particular age, yet it is even more due to the irresponsibility and lax methods of parents who have not seriously considered or undertaken the training of their children while they were young enough to materially benefit from such training. But few of the younger generation have had any special instruction along the line of home making and home keeping, which will be of all things most sorely needed in the days to come.

Parents often deplore the wilfulness and disobedience of their children and seem to have no conception of their culpability, or of their cowardice in refusing to bear the unpleasant results of insistence upon obedience when questions of authority are at issue.

If the responsibility of parents is so great where only the needs of the physical bodies of their children are concerned, what about their responsibility for training the minds, the immortal souls of those children? The impressions left on the minds of young children are far more lasting than those which are made later in life. A Catholic Priest once said that if the Church could have the training of a child for the first seven years of its life, it did not matter under what influence its later years were passed.

There is a deep truth expressed in those words, yet the majority of the people of other faiths make but little effort to train the minds of their children until they have passed their seventh year. It is the repetition of certain phrases and prayers conveying definite lines of thought, at specified hours of

each day, and the performance of certain duties connected with the Church, or its service at similar periods of each day, week and year, that leave the most permanent impressions within the plastic substance of the brain of a child under training by the Catholic Church. In other words, such impressions are caught and fixed by the Laws of Habit, and the laws of habit are the Cyclic Laws, the laws governing growth.

And what is true of moral and religious training is equally true in all other fields of life. It would be of little permanent value to the child under training if it were allowed to skip the hours allotted to any duty for any trivial excuse. The ideas advanced by the parent or teacher then do not make a deep enough impression on the brain substance to last when this happens for the memory cells are thereby permitted to deteriorate through disuse.

It may seem that I am laying too much emphasis on the subject of child training and the responsibility of parents or guardians, but when we consider the critical age we are living in, and how much depends upon our ability to rightly meet the big problems to be presented us, one can hardly say too much regarding the necessity for right preparation.

May the Good Law bring us all to a realization of what is expected of us as Templars, is my earnest prayer.

FRANCIA A. LA DUE,
Guardian-in-Chief.

BY THE SCRIBE.

The past year has introduced an entirely new vibration into the Temple work, so new that it is almost bewildering to some of us who have become, perhaps, a little crystallized in the old conditions of apparent failure and defeat. Along all the lines of work there has been great progress made, material, intellectual and spiritual, and the outlook is encouraging indeed.

The old condition of not knowing whether we could hold out or not has entirely disappeared, and in its place has come the confidence of complete success.

The main problem now will be to keep the ship sailing strictly along Temple lines, for with success will enter new forces of opposition more subtle and hard to counteract than any yet encountered. As the work broadens it will become more and more difficult to retain a clear line of connection with the Lodge of Masters, and each of us will be tried to the limit in our weakest point in an effort to throw it out of line.

During the past year many attacks have been made on the Temple heads in a far more subtle and deep manner than ever before, and nothing but the fullest devotion to the cause and the greatest confidence in and support of the leaders of the work will be acceptable as our share of the struggle before us.

ERNEST HARRISON,
Temple Scribe.

BY THE TREASURER.

Dear Temple Units:

Once more we gather together to find the sum of the past year's work.

Our individual and collective efforts have been placed in the proper columns of the Temple ledger, the balance has been struck and the result is now before us.

Some of us find our numbers in one column, some in another. By taking thought each can find for himself just where he stands.

To those devoted ones who outwardly find themselves in the unit column there may come the sense of discouragement, but to them we say how could there be a tens, a hundreds, a thousands and a trillions column without there being a units? In fact, the units column is that upon which the entire group rests and is in reality the Force of the Body as a Whole, so that whatsoever we have accomplished during the past year, wheresoever we may have succeeded or failed, we have done it as one, a unit.

A year ago we sent forth as the Cyclic integer, Energy, high, spiritual, indomitable energy, to work its way throughout the body as an essential power necessary to completeness of whatsoever work in which our forces were engaged.

Would we see the sum of energy we put into action let us compare this year's figures with those of last. The cash report from July 15, 1916, to July 15, 1917, reads as follows:

Dues and ARTISAN Subscriptions received.....	\$ 699.62
Helping Hand Contribution.....	686.72
Total	<u>\$1,386.34</u>
Printing ARTISAN, general expenses, printing paper, postage, cottage headquarters maintenance, general office expenses.....	<u>1,335.37</u>
Balance July 15, 1917.....	\$ 50.97
Received by Propaganda Department.....	499.66
Disbursed by Propaganda Department.....	537.55
Received and disbursed by Inner Orders.....	235.00

In round numbers \$500.00 more increase than last year, and in a year when money was tied, when problems were thick and fast for all. How this increase? The units within the body were moved to greater activity, the interchange between the Center and the outstanding members was greater, the understanding closer, deeper, fuller. Those who were limited in material means were brave enough to send a two-cent stamp when there was nothing more, so covering postage on two Helping Hand messages, their own and another; and that other thus receiving the Master touch through one of his children was also aroused to action in accord with his larger financial ability.

Our sum for the year is \$500.00 more than last year. Let us not be set up. Our expenses have been greater also. For nearly every expense item listed last year we have had to pay from quarter to double more this year. So we have but little balance and some bills yet to pay.

But we have done more also. We have sent out our first calendar in this Year of Energy, 1917. We have ready for your investigation sample sheets

of our second calendar for 1918 bearing twelve heretofore unpublished messages of the Master, the first one of which, "Friendship," calls us to attention with these words:

"Greater love hath no man than he who lays down his life for his brother. Great is he who forgiveth much in his friend. Greater still is he who sees nothing to forgive, that is, nothing that calls for his forgiveness, but only for his love and helpfulness."

Could there be anything more beautiful than this to send forth into the stricken world? We believe that you will help us dispose of these calendars as you helped us last year. They carry the Word to the world and they bring certain returns to the Temple.

We have also to show for our expenditures, our first booklet, "Occultism for Beginners," printed in the Halcyon print shop. This booklet placed by you in the hands of the proper persons should bring in return more than the expense of publishing the same, and make it possible to print a second series or what is now most important, a new edition of the second book of Temple Teachings.

You have received, those of you who have acknowledged the receipt of communications, a monthly Helping Hand Message by means of which we have united the first Sunday meeting of each month in devotion and mutual helpfulness. Appreciation of these messages has been large, gratifying, and practical in character.

You have received various songs of the Temple carrying their own particular force with them—"The Unifier;" "God Is in His Holy Temple;" "Build the Temple;" "Shine on My Heart;" "Awake, Awake, and Hail the Glad New Day."

Some of these songs have been sung from church choirs and elsewhere, and so the Message has been given to many.

You have been given the seeds of the Everlasting Flower to plant on the early Easter morn of power as a carrier of force from the Lodge of Light, and that those who look upon these blooms may inquire and receive. Some of these flowers are now in bloom in various sections of the country.

So you can readily count up postage, paper, ink, stencils, printing and realize how quickly the figures increase in the expense columns.

You can also have the satisfaction of knowing that the general treasury has given more toward the support of the Headquarters Cottage than for a number of years previous. This in itself is a blessing upon energy put forth if nothing more.

What shall we send forth for 1918? Could there be anything more beneficent than energy intensified, increased realization of our integral power, our unity with the Law that commands and controls forces and conditions according as we fulfill our part?

To a very small degree we have proven the Law. We still have before us the opportunity to prove it more fully to fulfill that which we have begun.

As a nucleus, an impulse toward this fulfillment, we have placed a vase on the table to receive what offerings the convention may have for the work. It contains as a seed for growth, an offering of \$7.30, two cents a day for the coming year, as well as an additional offering from a member particularly

interested in the maintenance of the Helping Hand. That which we begin will others add to.

Filling our hearts with the fearlessness, self-reliance, and dignity of the Lion-hearted, standing on the elevation of Interior Strength, looking ever toward the Rising Sun of High Purpose fulfilled, let us make our offerings to the Temple such as shall prove our ability to meet whatsoever may come before us. As we do our duty in and for the work, so do the Great Ones help us in our times of need.

With fraternal greeting,

Your friend and co-worker,

JANE W. DOWER.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

The message this line of Temple Service offers as a corollary of its report is contained in the words "Reciprocal Service," for whatever of apparent success has been given us, results from the use of that Principle. In using the word "Success" we have intentionally qualified it by the word "apparent," for we well know that often the appearance of great success hides a great failure, and often that which appears as a failure on this plane of life is in reality a great success. Just here I would like to call your attention to the fact that the Temple of the People in this lowest and most destructive cycle, a cycle wherein many of the so-called successful Occult movements are being destroyed the Temple is *GROWING*, is *BUILDING*, is becoming *UNIFIED* and *SOLIDIFIED* into a capable, organized *FORM*. Should we not recognize what this means? It means that those Initiates under whose direction we have been placed have been steadily, surely and unfalteringly leading us towards *VICTORY*; a Victory that is steadfast and unswerving partially because its outer appearance holds no temptation for those who seek the things of the material world. But those who have the Power to see beneath the surface find great Spiritual Treasures awaiting only their recognition and Use.

In "Reciprocal Service" we feel that we have found a working partner, for each step of the way it has proven invaluable. A broken circuit will not carry the current; one who receives and makes no return offering shuts off the current, not because the current *WILL* not flow without the offering, but because it *CANNOT*. Many receive, but few indeed realize that that which they receive remains a dead thing within until they "make" the circuit by passing it along to another, or sending a return to the original source. If we give and give to those who take without passing it on, we become a part of a dead line, for at some point in that line the return must be made to the Center, otherwise the Center itself cannot function, for although it stands with full hands ready to give, that broken circuit breaks the current of force and the flow cannot continue. Let us remember this, and always endeavor to send a line that reaches us from the Center, through a channel that will keep the current unbroken. We are individually responsible here, and if after patient effort and careful endeavor to keep the flow continuous, we find it always closed and shut off at one point, then either the whole line must remain cut off and dead, or the point of blockage removed. Everything is given *LIFE* through *USE*. *USE* is the Keystone of the White Brotherhood.

Can we do the Master's Work? Can we lift a part of the heavy load HE carries? If so, we may "enter in" for we are of *USE*.

We have been asked to give a detailed report of the actual work done and of the financial status of the department. This may test your patience, but we will proceed rapidly and submit the following:

Financial report for the year ending July 31, 1917.

RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS AND LIABILITIES.	
The 1916 Convention contribution	\$143.50	Paper and Mimeograph supplies	\$121.19
Unsolicited offerings.....	60.23	Lumber and Hardware.....	21.20
Christmas Message returns.....	94.88	Water Rent.....	2.50
Correspondence Courses.....	122.62	Theosophical list.....	2.00
Library receipts.....	38.99	Printing, propaganda literature	88.60
Sale of "Loves' Apotheosis"....	1.05	Library expenses.....	4.75
From Open Court Students.....	19.56	Stamps	160.97
From Order 36.....	14.45	Liability for Loan Aug. 1, 1916	136.34
Total	\$495.28	Grand total.....	\$537.55
Cash on hand Aug. 1, 1916.....	4.38		
Grand Total	\$499.66		
Deficit	37.89		
\$537.55			

This year opens with a deficit of but \$37.55. You will readily see that the resources of the department inhere in the correspondence courses and the Christmas messages, and that without the splendid contribution given by the 1916 convention the work would have been greatly hampered.

Other monies received through the efforts of this department and turned over to other departments amount to \$106.70.

In addition to this, the income of other departments has increased to the extent of the membership fees and the Helping Hand contributions which have come through new members who have been secured through its efforts.

The new membership list is within six of being a 50 per cent increase of the total membership at the commencement of the Publicity work. Over 7,500 letters have been sent out this year bearing the Temple Messages, thus making lines of contact over which the Lodge Force may flow and find those whose right it is to build "The White City."

Go ye forth and find my people, my chosen people. Open ye the doors and let them in. Unless they find and take their place My work cannot be done. In guises strange they come to thee. O'erlook them not, nor turn away one single soul that entrance seeks. Open the Doors! Make Room, lest when I come I perforce must turn from thee to go with those who make room for the Lesser Parts of Me.

As we pause to look back over the work of the long difficult year behind us, we feel a deep sense of joy, for it seems better than we knew. As we pause and look forward, the way seems narrow and difficult, partially because we face the possible loss of the department's chief assistant, and facing that

extremity we turn to you. This department is *your* department; it is one of your instruments for doing the Master's work. Its power to move is dependent upon you; its strength lies in the Spiritual Will of the Temple as a whole. That Will limits or expands its powers to serve.

We will read, in closing, a letter that is being sent to those Inquirers who are awake and who indicate that "something" which seems to mark them as parts of this Group Soul, for it applies to Temple members as well:

To Our Long-Sought Comrades:

If your inner ear is open and you listen to the Voice now crying in the Wilderness of the Human Heart, can you not hear that Voice raised in pleading for you to "Come Home," home to that Center of the Great Temple which awaits YOUR efforts to make of it a place "wherein all who will may enter and none be turned aside;" wherein the Christ may find a home and Justice rule triumphant? Can that Voice reach your ear as it says in effect:

Again and yet again have I plead with you to build that Place of Safety for your brother-man and for yourself as well, yet you heed Me not. Think you that the small handful, who now hold the lines as best they may, can do this work without you? It is not so; not until those whose work it is to build the Outer Wall shall come and do their part can the Master Builder come to raise the Altar for the Holy Fire to light the darkness of the earth. Until YOU recognize your responsibility, come forward, take your place with courage and with selfless love, My "Little Ones" go unprotected; the Altar Fire, unkindled.

AWAKE! sleeping children, AWAKE; gird on your armor and take your place in the ranks that waver because that place remains unfilled by you!

AWAKE! TAKE YOUR PLACE IN THE GREAT TEMPLE, WARRIORS OF LIGHT!

In every age there have been sent Great Souls to teach the human race, and again and again have they repeated the same Truths in varying forms; again and again have They set forth certain Principles for our guidance, but again and again have we gone on with eyes blinded by self and failed to see the Light. Shall it ever be so? NO! We cry to those who seek to BUILD ARIGHT; to join with us and help to build that Place of Refuge, and build so straight and *TRUE TO LINE* that every Stone therein may face the Sun, undaunted by its Light. Unless they be thus builded true to line, they must go down when comes that Day wherein the Lord of Life and Death shall stand, with Scales of Justice in His Hand, and call men forth to bear that Searching Light of *TRUTH* that only Sons of Truth can face and "stand."

Hear you the Call? If so, send your name to

SARAH A. M. BRIGGS,
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